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Ships of NOWA HUTA Series

1. On 21 July 1953 at Gdansk Shipyard a new ship, the M.S. KOPERNIK, was officially handed over to the Polish Ocean Lines by Minister Tokarski. The KOPERNIK, formerly known as the M.S. LODZ, (one of the NOWA HUTA series), had just been completed. The reason for the renaming of this ship is not known. The KOPERNIK, 3,200 BRT., approximately 4,800 TDW., Swiss Sulzer engines, and equipped with a refrigerating plant, is intended for carrying general cargo.

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2. The importance and the show which surrounded the commissioning of this vessel may be explained by the uneasiness prevailing in the Polish Merchant Marine caused by the recent cession to the USSR of two other ships of this series. These were: the GDYNIA, sent to Riga during July 1953, having been ceded to the USSR after completion, and the GDANSK, at present being completed, and afterwards due for cession to the USSR.

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Construction of LEWANT and NYSA-Type Vessels

3. The Stocznia Polnocna (Northern Shipyard) in Gdansk (Danzig) is at present engaged on the construction of three hulls of LEWANT type, destined for the USSR, and five small units of the NYSA type (660 TDW), destined for the Polish Merchant Marine.

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